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SUBJ: AHEPA MEDICAL PROGRAM

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1. EMBOFF HAS DISCUSSED POSSIBLE AHEPA MEDICAL PROGRAM WITH GOC HEALTH MINISTER SEVERIS AND HIS DIRGEN (VASSILOPOULOS). THEY EXPLAINED THAT GOC CURRENTLY ABLE MEET MOST NEEDS FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT ABROAD UNDER EXISTING AGREEMENTS WITH GREECE AND EAST GERMANY. HOWEVER, GOC ASSUMES OFFER NOT EXCLUSIVELY WAR-RELATED AND, AS EXPLAINED TO AHEPA DELEGATION IN CYPRUS, GOC WOULD WELCOME TREATMENT OF OPEN HEART SURGERY CASES IN U.S. GOC HAS LIMITED BUDGET FOR SUCH TREATMENT AND IN PAST HAS SENT ONLY MOST SERIOUS CASES TO UK, AT COST OF \$9000 PER PATIENT. IF AHEPA INFORMS GOC OF NUMBER OF OPEN HEART OPERATIONS IT IS ABLE TO FINANCE IN U.S., GOC WILL SUBMIT LIST OF PATIENTS REQUIRING TREAT-

MENT. THERE IS LONG WAITING LIST, AND TOP PRIORITY CASES WILL BE SELECTED.

2. MINISTRY WOULD WELCOME AHEPA PROVISION OF TWO MAJOR PIECES OF U.S.-MANUFACTURED MEDICAL EQUIPMENT (TOTAL VALUE ABOUT \$220,000):

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A) ONE COBALT UNIT, WITH SOURCE, FOR CANCER TREATMENT. GOC HAS ONE U.S.-MANUFACTURED, PICKER, (PICKER BRIGGS CORP., 4135 W 150TH, CLEVELAND, OHIO 44135) UNIT NOW AND IS PLANNING PURCHASE SECOND IN 1975.

B) ONE DEEP X-RAY APPARATUS. GOC HAS ONE, ALSO MANUFACTURED BY PICKER, AND PLANS TO PURCHASE ANOTHER IN 1975.

3. MINISTER NOTED THAT ABOVE EQUIPMENT WOULD BE INSTALLED IN NICOSIA GENERAL HOSPITAL, WHERE IT WOULD SERVE AS PERMANENT REMINDER OF AMERICAN PEOPLE'S CONCERN FOR CYPRUS. HE ADDED THAT MINISTRY BUDGET PLANNING SCHEDULED IN DECEMBER AND THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW WHAT AID MIGHT BE FORTHCOMING FROM AHEPA AT THAT TIME.

COMMENT: UNHCR AND ICRC PROGRAM MEETING EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND DENTAL NEEDS OF REFUGEES. THIS HELP WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO ENTIRE GREEK CYPRIOT POPULATION ON LONGTERM BASIS.

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